

To Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1589 without my signature.

In 2004, during the first year of my Administration, the State entered into a historic settlement agreement in the *Farrell v. Hickman* lawsuit. Since that time, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), through the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), has submitted several remedial plans to the court in order to address the long-standing deficiencies of that system.

I appreciate the author's passion about this specific area of government and her interest in exploring reforms. However, as part of the Safety and Welfare Remedial Plan, which has already been submitted to the court, the DJJ is currently working on the development and implementation of gender-specific services, including the contracting provisions for female offenders included in this measure. As a result, this bill is unnecessary and would do nothing more than encourage the DJJ to conduct activities that they are already performing.

I continue to believe that we can work together with all stakeholders to improve the juvenile system without duplicating existing efforts or removing flexibility in the ongoing settlement. I have consistently included significant resources in my proposed annual budget to allow the department to move forward with reforms. In the future, I look forward to continuing this work with the Legislature in order to forge a better system that will improve the lives of juveniles committed to our care.

For these reasons I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger